

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 for a regular business meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Dan Shipman (District One), Trevor Karr (District Two), TJ Vance (District Three), Keith Buschow (District Four) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Buschow gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to approve the minutes of the February 4th, 2020 meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve of paying claims and payroll. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$6470.10; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt (Counsel)-\$161.50; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$88.67; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$17,705.93; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$571.25; Carmichael Construction, LLC (Payment)-\$43,915.00; Central Community College (Fee)-\$20.00; Central District NACO (Registrations)-\$200.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1827.98; CVSOAN (Training)-\$60.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$225.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$7241.98; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$185.45; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$12.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$198.00; Hastings Tribune (Advertise)-\$140.00; Hometown Leasing (Payment)-\$121.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$169.44; J&A Auto Supply (Repairs)-\$55.60; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$972.26; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$86.04; Sonja L Krueger (Expense)-\$82.70; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$34.34; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supplies)-\$54.13; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Funding)-\$1767.86; Mips (Fees)-\$7615.03; Mips Inc (Support)-\$2248.33; Nebraska Emergency Medicine (Medical)-\$907.00; Nebraska Notary Association (Fee)-\$156.18; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phone)-\$51.20; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$229.98; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$2954.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$370.50; Kelly Skrdlant (Fee)-\$12.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1016.25; Trailblazer RC & D (Funding)-\$350.00; Turner Technology (Fees)-\$210.00; Ken VanWey (Repairs)-\$250.00; Verizon Wireless (Phones)-\$240.06; Webster Co Clerk District Court (Fee)-\$33.00; Webster County Court (Crt Costs)-\$103.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$2587.04; B-3 Dirt LLC (Road Main)-\$660.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$143.00; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$56.57; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$9092.80; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$3166.26; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Gravel)-\$3988.11; Century Lumber Center (Repairs)-\$195.23; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$3817.60; S.S. (Fica)-\$2959.18; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$10.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$84.30; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$16.43; J&A Auto Supply (Repairs)-\$547.38; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$188.46; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$6.15; Mips Inc (Support)-\$108.98; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$31.90; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$3464.28; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$4177.55; Jack Petsch (Fee)-\$50.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$995.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** B-3 Dirt LLC (Road Main)-\$300.00. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$267.73; Mips (Support)-\$112.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Charles D Bauer, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$57.60; Bush Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$70.80; Island View Dental (Dental)-\$892.80; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$163.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1270.80. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$179.59; S.S. (Fica)-\$238.31; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$41.84; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$2.05; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$111.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$367.66; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$132.39; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Rental)-\$114.02. Total Wages \$139,392.04.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. He reported Walnut Creek Project is done until the weather warms up so they can finish small matters. The Road is open and looks really good. The crews are working on a road near Cowles and continue to work on ditches and grading. Paul and the Board discussed various roads throughout the County needing some repairs. They also discussed new or used equipment that might be needed for the new fiscal year and budgeting for them.

At 9:15am, Assessor Krueger met with the Board. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Tax Correction #202001 in the amount of \$53.44 was presented for approval. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve of this tax correction. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. The Tax Correction was approved. Assessor Krueger also went over the Permissive Tax Exempt Properties for 2020 she had given to the Board at the previous meeting. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve of the list as presented. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to go out of Board of Equalization. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Michele Bever presented her Annual Report of the South Heartland District activities. She went over a list of programs available for the public.

At 10:00am, Treasurer Knehans presented Resolution 9-2020 for a Letter of Credit for \$3,000,000.00 to be signed by the Board. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve of Resolution 9-2020. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. The Board and Treasurer Knehans also discussed looking into moving \$100,000.00 into a CD depending on interest rates. All members present felt this was a good idea to check into.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2020

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that **SOUTH CENTRAL STATE BANK** be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Webster County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

FHL BANK-TOPEKA

IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT #60742

AMOUNT: \$3,000,000.00

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/16/2020

ADOPTED by the Webster County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of February, 2020.

At 10:30am, Abbey and Liz informed the Board they had a meeting with Jennifer Larabee from Assurity and Amber Conway on Benefit Solutions options for county employees. Abbey is checking into this in more detail and will present it to the Board before giving employees the option of doing this. These options are similar to AFLAC but might be a little cheaper in cost and provide even more options available.

At 10:45am, Colleen Minnick met with the Board on concerns with Midland Area Agency on Aging, Elm Street Center, Webster County Senior Citizens Committee Inc, and the Webster County Board of Advisory. County Attorney Sara Bockstadter was also present. Attorney Bockstadter advised the Board they had no authority to solve this issue as the Elm Street Center is owned by Webster County Senior Citizens Committee, Inc. and not Webster County. These are private entities and a solution to the issues will have to be handled by them. Colleen thanked the Board for listening on this matter.

At 11:30am, Dennis VanWey, Noxious Weed Supt met with the Board and they discussed the applicants they received for the position of Noxious Weed Supt. The Board and Dennis will interview them at 1:00pm this afternoon and make a decision as to who they will appoint.

Keith reported the windows will be done this week. The Board has set March 4th, 2020 as the date for their silent auction here at the Courthouse on surplus equipment, etc the offices are not using anymore. This will be open to the public to put bids on. Keith told the Board members they will set everything up after their March 3rd, 2020 meeting.

At 12:00 noon, the County Board recessed their meeting until 1:00pm when they will interview the Noxious Weed position applicants.

At 1:00pm, the Board resumed their meeting on 3rd floor for interviews of applicants for the Noxious Weed position. Applicants were asked questions and after deliberation of all applicants, the Board appointed Brian Pedersen to the position.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at 8:30am. A current agenda and complete minutes are on file at the County Clerk's Office and at www.co.webster.ne.us.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2020
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk